

SBC Statistics For '63 Given

NASHVILLE (BP)—Preliminary estimates of 1963 Southern Baptist Convention statistics show slightly more than 10.3 million members of about 33,100 cooperating churches.

Martin B. Bradley, secretary of research and statistics for the SBC Sunday School Board here, reported the estimates to state Baptist leaders attending board-sponsored meetings in Nashville.

Figures from about 150 district associations of Baptist churches—there are over 1100 such associations in the U.S.—were not available at the time of the preliminary report. Other returns had not been edited.

Final, official statistics for the previous year are reported each February. Thus, 1963 statistics will be available in February, 1964.

Bradley's figures included a projection of the likely lower limit of each final figure and the likely higher limit. He qualified his preliminary information by saying:

"The projected estimates shown in the following report are prepared solely for the benefit of state and Southern Baptist Convention leaders as they look ahead to future programming."

The preliminary figures of

membership and churches would mean a gain of more than 100,000 members and of around 300 churches, compared to final 1962 statistics.

Decrease in Baptisms

The 1963 estimates also showed a probable decrease in Baptisms of converts; they would be at least 20,000 fewer than 1962's final report.

Projections for church membership, and for Sunday school, music ministry and brotherhood enrolments showed probable increases over 1962. Training Union and royal ambassador enrolment registered a probable decline, while woman's missionary union could show either a small decrease or increase in the final figures.

Comparisons given are based on matching 1962 figures with the "Projected low" statistics for 1963. Final comparisons released in February, 1964 may show differences.

Two state conventions, Colorado and Indiana, registered increases in Baptisms in these preliminary reports.

State conventions which seem to show increases in Training Union enrolment, in contrast to the general downward trend are Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois.

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REPORT FROM ROME—

Protestant Mission Activity Assailed

By W. Barry Garrett

ROME (BP) — A Spanish Catholic Cardinal appealed to the Vatican Council II in session here to include in the schema on ecumenism "A request to the separated brethren that they abstain from all proselytism among Catholics, lest the faith of our people be obscured through confusion."

Cardinal Benjamin De Arribalzaga Y Castro, archbishop of Tarragona, Spain, claimed that "Proselytizing by Protestants was increasing and that there are endless proofs of this." He wanted all Protestant missionary activity in so-called Catholic countries to stop.

The Spanish Cardinal objected to the proposals for dialogue between Catholics and non-Catholics. He said that "Such a statement by the council would be very dangerous for the faith of our Catholics, especially those of low estate, who often are not prepared to answer the arguments prepared by experts of the various sects or confessions."

He expressed chagrin because "The present schema text even goes so far as to assert it is licit in particular circumstances and even opportune for Catholics to pray together with the separated brethren." He pointed out that this ran counter to special existing laws in the church.

Two other suggestions were

Bible Study

Week Set For

January 6-10

The week of Jan. 6-10 will be annual Bible Study Week among the churches of the Mississippi and the Southern Baptist Conventions.

According to experience, the large majority of the 1,828 churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will observe the week, according to Bryant M. Cummings, Jackson, state Baptist Sunday School secretary.

Especially prepared books for all age groups will be studied in most of the churches.

The book suggested for adults and young people is "The Letter to the Ephesians," written by Dr. W. Curtis Vaughan, professor of New Testament, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

This book in most cases will be taught by the pastor of the church, with some churches using another teacher.

Other books to be taught include: "Life at Its Best," for Intermediates; "Bible Heroes," for Juniors; "The Story the Bible Tells Us," for Primaries; "Friends Who Help Us," for Beginners, and "Good Food to Eat," for the nursery.

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Syracuse Region Realigns

By The Baptist Press

Central Baptist Association in New York state, formerly related to the state convention of Baptists in Ohio, began 1964 aligned with the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

This association includes five churches and five missions with a total membership of 849.

The churches are first Southern at Endicott, Roger W. Knapp, pastor; Emmanuel at Potsdam, Norman (Jack) Bell, pastor; Grace, at Rome, J. T. Davis, pastor; First Southern at Syracuse, John Tollison, pastor, and Southport at Elmira, Paul R. Becker, Sr., pastor.

Roy D. Gresham, Baltimore, executive secretary of the Maryland Convention, announced the change in alignment. He said he had a letter from Knapp, central association moderator, stating arrangements for the transfer were complete.

Ray E. Roberts, Columbus, Ohio executive secretary, has been advised of the change and is in accord, Gresham said.

"There has been a developing feeling for some time that the New York work needed to grow as one unit," Knapp wrote Gresham. This was a reference to metropolitan New York association, which is already aligned, with the Maryland Convention.

Knapp said a closer relationship with the New York association would enhance fellowship and would reduce the "Sheer problem of distance."

SBC Radio-TV

Agency Called

In Emergency

All three major broadcasting networks called on Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission for program material during the blackout of commercial programming which began with the assassination of President Kennedy.

Dr. Paul M. Stevens, commission director, was asked to make statements concerning the President's death for both NBC radio and television. These were tape recorded at station WBAP on Friday night and used the next day.

Later that same evening, the public affairs department of the American Broadcasting Co. requested help in developing a Baptist service memorializing President Kennedy. A conference with the pastor and music director of Broadway Baptist Church and the commission staff took place later that night and arrangements were completed for a one-hour service to originate at that Fort Worth church.

As it happened, the services had been on for 10 minutes over the ABC-TV network when Oswald was shot. Every available communications outlet converged on this new story immediately, and the service was cut on the air.

On Saturday afternoon, November 23, NBC-TV requested a 15-minute musical memorial from the Baptist Hour Choir. By 10:30 o'clock that night, rehearsals had been held and the program videotaped. Station WBAP-TV fed the tape to New York and at 9:15 a.m. Sunday it was on television. At 10:15 a.m. NBC radio network carried the music from the same program.

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NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

According to custom of many years, there will be no issue of the Baptist Record next week, which is Christmas week. The next issue will appear Jan. 2.



Were earth a thousand times as fair,
Beset with gold and jewels rare,
She yet were far too poor to be
A narrow cradle, Lord, to Thee.

—Martin Luther

RHS Photo

Congress Passes College Bill

HOW TO LIVE TO BE 103, WORK HARD, LIVE RIGHT

YUMA, Colo. (EP)—Want to know how you can live to be 103?

Fred W. Bushner is a sprightly retired farmer who celebrated his 103rd birthday on Monday, December 2.

His secret: in his words, "I've always worked hard and tried to live like a Christian."

Bushner, who was born nearly 4½ years before President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in a Washington theater, drove his car until two years ago.

HMB EMPHASIZES ASSOCIATION WORK

ATLANTA (BP)—The Home Mission Board is placing a major emphasis on associational missions, not a de-emphasis, through its recent organization amendment.

"I have opposed this program because I believe that this bill...as it is phrased at the present, gives religious denominations access to the federal treasury for the purpose of financing schools owned and operated by them," Ervin said.

"I conceive this to be a violation of the provisions of the

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annual conference with the mission agency.

"The changes which we have made will enable us to have more of our personnel working in associational missions," Rutledge said.

"The association is the basic denominational organization for Baptists, formed by messengers from as few as five churches to as many as 200 or more in a given area. There are more than 1100 such groupings of Southern Baptist churches.

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DARON-CARVER LIBRARY

Adult Thrust New Avenue For Advance

NASHVILLE — "Because of the direct correlation between adult advance and church advance, an outreach effort designated as the 'Adult Thrust' is being projected as an avenue for advance," John T. Sisemore told state Sunday school secretaries here recently.

The Adult Thrust offers a practical way for church leaders and adult workers to couple with the desire for advance, definite plans that can make the desire a reality."

Sisemore, supervisor of the adult unit in the field services section of the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, addressed the secretaries in their annual meeting Dec. 10-13.

The Adult Thrust is to be the outreach phase of the recommended Sunday School program in a church for 1964-65. Sisemore said that churches will be encouraged to vote in July 1964 to adopt the program as their major outreach effort for the new year.

A part of the thrust will be a special unit of lessons, "Sharing Christ's concern for persons" to be included in the lesson periodicals for October 1964.

"Last year 32,892 churches 'worked' an entire year and gained a total of only 63,000 in Sunday school enrollment," Sisemore said. "This fact is distressing, but more disturbing is the fact that gains in other church organizations also declined proportionately."

Correlation Seen

Sisemore noted a correlation between total Sunday School advance and the need for advance in adult work. He said that last year adult enrollment gains accounted for almost two-thirds of the total Sunday School gain, but the average net gain per church was only 12 adults.

"This slight gain was made out of a huge backlog of over 90 million unreached adults. And, this figure of 90 million represents at least 80 per cent of the total Sunday School prospects. Advance on all fronts waits on advance on the adult front," Sisemore emphasized.

Groundbreaking Held for Mission In Pascagoula

Groundbreaking services have been held for the new mission of First Church, Pascagoula, located in the Martin's Bluff community.

Members of the mission committee participating in the service were: Rev. Clark W. McMurray, pastor, R. E. Lynn, Hollie McGill, O. A. Singuefield, Sr., and Mrs. Roscoe Robert-

son.

Also having a part were the following: C. E. Greer, Mrs. W. C. Havens, Lexie Lishman, and James Pace.

Since Easter Sunday morning services have been conducted in a tent. On November 10th First Church voted to accept the bid made by R. S. Fellows for construction of the new church building.

The building provides for separate Sunday school space for each age group, nursery through adults. Space is provided for the worship services also. The church when completed will be entirely furnished with new equipment and will offer the very latest in teaching methods and practices.

Construction of a new building is scheduled to be completed within 100 days from the date of the contract and the dedication service will be held when the work is completed. Contract price for the building is \$18,835.00.

SBC Statistics . . .

(Continued from Page 1) Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Oregon-Washington.

Alabama, Colorado, Indiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Oregon-Washington apparently have gained in Royal Ambassador enrollment.

Woman's Missionary enrollment gains will likely be shown in Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, and Oklahoma.

When the final statistics are released in February, in conjunction with the meeting of the SBC Executive Committee, an interpretation and analysis of the statistics will be given by Bradley.

Rev. Bartis B. Harper

Accepts First, Geneva, Alabama

Rev. Bartis B. Harper has resigned the pastorate of the East Columbia Church, Columbia, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Geneva, Alabama.

Rev. Harper has been pastor of the East Columbia Church since March 9, 1958. Under his leadership, the church has made much progress; there have been 140 baptisms and 125 additions by letter, as well as additions to church buildings.

The East Columbia Church, J. P. Spell, chairman of deacons, has adopted a resolution of appreciation for Rev. Harper. In part, the resolution states:

"His stay among us has always been of a friendly disposition, being at all times deeply interested in the welfare of all the people of this community and especially interested in the welfare of the young people of this church. His interest in the work of the Lord has always been dedicated to the cause of God. He was at all times a true servant of God to the result of which many of us by his efforts have become better Christians, and have been made to feel more aware of our Christian duties, responsibilities and obligations."

Rev. Harper is a graduate of University of Southern Mississippi and of Southwestern Seminary.



WASHINGTON, D. C. — Erection of this sign in the park opposite the White House heralds the unofficial beginning of the capital's annual Christmas Pageant. Official opening of the event has been postponed until Dec. 22 when the 30-day period of mourning for the late President Kennedy ends. On that day President Johnson will light a 71-foot red spruce placed at this site. —RNS Photo.



MISS. STATE UNIVERSITY BAPTIST STUDENT UNION FRESHMAN COUNCIL — Seated: Coleman Chong, Itta Bena, Stewardship Chairman; Anita Braddock, Marked Tree, Arkansas, Devotional Chairman; Bill Thornton, Hattiesburg, President; Dee Cooper, Starkville, Secretary; Tommy Randle, Weir, Social Chairman; Judy Boyd, Starkville, Music Chairman. Standing: Garland Robertson, Collins, Missions Chairman; Glen Nations, Brookhaven, Student Center Chairman; Leonard Taylor, Miami, Florida, Meadowview Church Representative; Lee Skiles, Slidell, Louisiana, First Church Representative; Bill Lassett, Laurel, Emmanuel Church Representative; Wayne Hathcote, Amory, Promotional Chairman.

Congress Passes . . . Protestant Mission . . . HMB Emphasizes

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first amendment of the constitution," he continued.

The senator said the college bill "attempts to divorce the

(President Johnson has already signed the college aid bill, having done so since this story was written.)

supposed secular activities of church colleges and universities from their religious activities, and to provide for financial support from the federal treasury only for their secular activities. . . This is exactly what the Supreme Court has said cannot be done." Ervin referred to a number of Supreme Court cases which he said supported his opinion that aid to church schools is unconstitutional.

Cooper Against Bill

Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.), co-sponsor of the judicial review amendment, also argued against the conference report on the college bill. He said he was aware that colleges, public or private or religious, are in need of additional funds. He said church colleges contribute to the "richness of our educational system, and to its spiritual values."

"Nevertheless," Cooper continued, "we are faced, as I see it, with the question. . . whether Congress has the authority to provide tax funds to church schools."

Sen. Lister Hill (D., Ala.), chairman of the Senate education and labor committee, spoke in opposition to the measure. Hill was a member of the conference committee on the bill but did not sign the report.

"I feel that the pending conference report is directly in violation of the construction and is a complete negation and defeat of the fundamental principle of the separation of church and state," Hill stated.

Replies to the demands to keep judicial review in the bill, Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.), chairman of the subcommittee on education, said that the House would not pass the college bill with judicial review in it. He called attention to the recent separate bills on judicial review introduced by himself in the Senate and by Rep. Edith Green (D., Ore.) in the House. He said it does not necessarily follow that the House will not pass this separate bill.

Another education measure, the vocational education bill, has been reported out of conference committee. It would provide funds for vocational education in the states, extension of the impacted areas program, and extension of the student loan provision of the National Defense Education Act.

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Weigel explained the spiritual vacuum in South America as the cause for so much Protestant missionary activity there. He said that there is an extreme shortage of Catholic priests for the population and that many people who are counted as Catholics are not really Catholics at all. "So we find missionaries working on them," he said.

The former South American priest said that although the laws of every country do not forbid missionary activity,

"Some Catholics would like to keep them out, but they haven't and they won't succeed."

The problem of proselytizing,

Weigel explained, exists everywhere.

"In ecumenical circles proselytism is a dirty word," he said. "But it is going on just the same." He said that in the world council of churches, even though that body spoke out strongly against proselytism in Christian lands, many of the member communions go right on proselytizing among each other.

When asked about Catholic proselytizing among Protestants, Weigel said this is "tit for tat" and that just as the Protestants felt they were witnessing to the truth, so do the Catholics.

which is "designed" for scientific, mathematical, and similar subjects. The day after the money is paid, the building can be converted to any use to which the owners wish it to be converted," Allott said.

"We are contributing to the support of religion because the building belongs to a religious institution," he stated.

Senator Morse, in concluding remarks before the final vote, said the Senate was faced with the question of whether or not there would be any education legislation. He reminded the senators that recently they had passed a bill granting aid to medical schools and that religious schools were included in that bill.

Morse emphasized that he wanted a review of the constitutionality of such programs he had introduced such legislation before. He said, however, that "wisdom calls for adopting the conference report" on the college bill and then getting to judicial review in the separate bill.

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The major change we have made," Rutledge explained, "was the creation of the associational administration services and church extension department.

"This will enable us to stress the philosophy and functions of the association, working with other convention agencies and state mission groups."

Associations will be assisted in doing mission work, however, by three "Action" departments, Rutledge added. These are the pioneer missions department, the urban-rural department, and the metropolitan missions department.

The pioneer work will be with churches and associations primarily in those 22 states where Southern Baptists do not have state conventions.

The metropolitan work will be with churches and associations in those areas declared standard metropolitan by the United States government, all having more than 50,000 population.

The urban-rural work will be with churches and associations in areas with less than 50,000 population.

Rutledge told the state mission leaders that the organization was still under study, especially in its program alignment.

The Southern Baptist Convention is in the process of establishing programs for all its agencies, and Rutledge indicated those of the mission board will be presented at the 1965 meeting of the convention.

NASHVILLE — The church recreation department of the Baptist Sunday School Board has announced that it will sponsor ten drama festivals in 1964.

Spring festivals by date and location are: April 9-11, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; April 22-24, First Baptist Church, Deming, N.M.

Festivals to be held in Mississippi are: Oct. 12, First Church, Columbia; Oct. 18, Woodland Hills Church, Jackson; Oct. 18, First Church, Grenada.

"All of the Mississippi festivals will be planned specifically to help Training Union leadership apply dramatic principles and methods in their teaching," said Bob M. Boyd, secretary of the Church Recreation Department.

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Texas Board Approves Follow-Up To Japan New Life Movement

DALLAS (BP) — The Texas Baptist Executive Board approved two proposals as a follow-up to the nation-wide Japan New Life Movement, elected officers, and named a new employee during its quarterly meeting here.

The board also approved the study of establishing as "New Life Crusade Foundation" which would invest funds for future mass evangelism crusades like the Asian New Life Movement last spring.

As a follow-up to the Japan crusade, the board approved proposals to bring ten Japanese Baptist pastors to the United States for three months of study and work in local Baptist churches.

It also approved sending five music and educational directors from Texas to Japan to help Japanese Baptist churches improve music and education programs.

The expenses of the Texas and Japanese churchmen would be paid by the churches involved in the exchange. The men would be selected by the Japan Baptist Convention executive committee.

Two separate periods of pray-

er were spent for the Texas Baptist Latin American crusade aimed at reaching 2 million Latin Americans with the gospel in 1964. Texas Baptist executive secretary T. A. Patterson said he hoped at least 100,000 Latin Americans would be converted during the campaign.

Dates Set For '64 Youth Meetings

NASHVILLE — The dates for the 1964 Southern Baptist Youth conferences have been set for June 4-10 at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly and July 2-8 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly.

Both conferences are being planned for 15- and 16-year old intermediates and noncollege young people ages 17 through 24. Special conferences will be held for adult workers with these age groups.

There will be no provision made for younger intermediates. College young people are encouraged to attend one of the student conferences at either of the assemblies.

The Southern Baptist youth conferences are being planned jointly by the Training Union, Sunday School and Church Music Departments of the Baptist Sunday School Board and by the Brotherhood Commission and the Woman's Missionary Union. The church recreation, student, and church library departments of the board are also co-operating.

For reservations, write after Jan. 1 to: Willard K. Weeks, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., 28770, or E. A. Herron, Manager, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico 87535.

Seven Focus Weeks To Be Held In '64

NASHVILLE — Seven focus weeks, promoted by the Student Department of the Sunday School Board, will be held on college and university campuses from February through March 1964.

Schools and dates where focus weeks will be held are: Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., Feb. 3-7.

Also, Baylor University, Waco, Feb. 10-14; University of Richmond, Feb. 10-14; Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., March 2-6; Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., March 9-13.

Turner Elected Hospital Head

HOUSTON (BP) — W. Wilson Turner, administrator of Memorial Baptist hospital here, has been appointed executive director of the 740 bed hospital system.

Turner, whose appointment fills the vacancy created by the death of John G. Dudley, has been administrator of Memorial Hospital since 1958. Previously, he was associate administrator for three years.

Other hospitals where Turner has served are Baptist hospital, Alexandria, La.; Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson; and Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Waco.

SBC Radi-o-TV . . .

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System crew and the commission had just completed a 30-minute television program of Thanksgiving and patriotic music scheduled for December 1 the day before in Fort Worth. The opening scene was a helicopter view of the Fort Worth-Dallas skylines, and because this was deemed inappropriate by the network the show was cancelled.

However, on Saturday CBS did request the videotaped footage shot from the helicopter for use in news coverage of the president's death. On Monday, November 25, CBS-TV asked for assistance in obtaining program material to fill an opening on the network December 8. This is currently being discussed with network officials.

Great horizons surround our Christian faith. The whole world is the area for development and expansion of Christianity . . . Not in a thousand years has there been such an opportunity for Christian forces to evangelize the world. Within the hearts of the people of our generation there is a nameless, ageless, indefinable longing for the eternal verities. —Monroe F. Swilley.

EDITOR SPEAKS TO SCHOOLMEN

MEMPHIS (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention educators from 11 states were advised here to concentrate on enriching the spirit of man and to spread wide the qualities of love and beauty.

John N. Popham, managing editor of the daily Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times, said church-related colleges will never be able to equal major universities in all areas of scholastic excellence because of money.

However, the role of church-related colleges is more exciting today than ever before, the newspaper executive said. He added that many must have an awareness of the Divine sense of love and this group of institutions are the logical ones to provide it.

Southern Baptists were generously sprinkled among the delegates to the conference of church-related colleges in the South where Popham was the principal speaker. It was one of 17 auxiliary groups meeting during the four-day annual gathering of the Southern association of colleges and schools.

Popham covered the 1965 session of the SBC for the New York Times.

Other Baptists who played leading roles in auxiliary meetings included:

E. M. Keebler, dean of Louisiana College (Baptist) at Pineville, who gave the student personnel committee report at a junior college session.

Spiro Participates

Robert H. Spiro, dean of the college of liberal arts at Mercer University (Ga.), and Francis W. Bonner, dean of Furman (S. C.) University, who directed the registration and delegates at sessions of the academic deans. Both Mercer and Furman are Baptist colleges.

New Feature On Hymns in the Church Musician'

NASHVILLE — "What Does the Hymn Say?" is a new feature which will begin in the January 1964 issue of "The Church Musician."

Dr. Joseph F. Green, Jr., general book editor in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Broadman Books Department, will write the series on the theological and doctrinal interpretation of each hymn of the month.

The new feature is a companion to Edmond D. Keith's feature on the historical background of each hymn of the month, which will appear under the new title "Who Wrote The Hymn?"

Keith, associate music secretary for the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, has contributed this information on the history of hymns to each issue of "The Church Musician" since its beginnings in October 1960.

Dr. W. Hines Sims, secretary of the board's church music department, said that Keith's historical articles have proved highly beneficial to church leaders and laymen alike.

"The two articles are designed to complement each other," Dr. Sims said. "They should prove valuable as readers of the magazine seek to relate hymns and hymn singing to the functions of the church."

Does Your Will Reflect The Will of God?

You have been a good steward in life, when you are gone, "Whose shall these things be?" Your Will is the answer.

Another Beatitude is, "And their works do follow them". But you say how can these things be? The answer is through a Will that reflects the Will of God.

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"Baptist Advance" Due For BJA Observance

NASHVILLE—"Baptist Advance," a Broadman Press book of religious and historical significance, will be released concurrently with the Baptist Jubilee Advance observance in Atlantic City, N. J., next May. The book is a record of Baptist backgrounds in North America and of the origins, growth, and accomplishments of these seven Baptist bodies: American Baptist Convention; Baptist Federation of Canada; National Baptist Convention of America; National Baptist Convention, USA Inc.; North America Baptist General Conference; Seventh Day Baptist General Conference; Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, has served as managing editor of the book, which is the work of 59 contributors.

"Baptist Advance" is illustrated with maps, charts, and 16 pages of photographs. It includes a bibliography and detailed indexes of topics and persons.

An epilogue by Kenneth Scott Latourette places Baptist work in historical perspective.

A special library edition of "Baptist Advance" is available for a limited time. Each copy of this hardbound edition is \$3.00 cash, and will be sent immediately upon publication next May.

In order to qualify for this offer, each order must be postmarked not later than midnight Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1964. The offer will expire on that date.

Check or money order should be made payable to: Baptist Advance, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

The registration fee for the BJA will include a paper bound copy of "Baptist Advance."

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Although Negro churches were invited, they did not participate and the figures do not include the Negro population.

Knoxville Membership High

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—More than 84 per cent of Knoxville's 200,000 residents over nine years of age are church members.

"This is one of the highest percentages we have found in the nation," according to Orin Morris of Atlanta, a Southern Baptist survey specialist who led in the house-to-house count.

"The national average is 63.4 per cent, including those under nine. The Knoxville figure also includes 4.6 per cent with non-local church membership. This is also a low figure," he said.

The survey was taken by 5,000 workers representing 117 churches and included the urban areas of Knoxville.

Morris, who is an associate secretary of the department of survey and special studies for the Home Mission Board, said the high church membership was due to a stable community and active churches.

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Survey Given Of 1964 "Baptist Book Store Catalog"

NASHVILLE—The 1964 edition of the "Baptist book store catalog" lists 4,506 items of merchandise, according to a recent IBM tabulation at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Of these, 4,101 are regular stock items in each of the 46 Baptist book stores, unless they become unavailable at their supply sources.

The other 405 items are not available for immediate delivery in some of the smaller stores. These, however, are identified in the catalog so that customers will know when to expect shipment.

A few items not immediately available are "Direct ship"

Survey Reveals Chattanooga High In Membership

CHATTANOOGA (BP)—A house-to-house survey of 150,000 residents of Chattanooga indicated 72.5 per cent are members of churches.

Leonard G. Irwin of Atlanta secretary of the department of survey and special studies for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, directed the survey and released the figures.

Irwin commented that the city is "An above average churched area compared with the national average of 63.4 per cent."

However, other figures he gave showed 12.1 per cent hold membership outside the area in which they live, and another 16.1 per cent of the local church members seldom or never attend church activities.

One hundred and ten churches, representing 14 denominations, provided 3,500 workers for the survey. Although Negro churches were invited, they did not participate.

The survey revealed 27.3 per cent of the children nine years and younger seldom or never attend church activities, while 72.7 per cent go at least once a month.

Irwin also released the relative strength of the denominations in Chattanooga. They are Baptists—51.6 per cent, Methodists—17.1 per cent, Presbyterians—8 per cent, Church of Christ—5.3 per cent, Catholics—3.9 per cent, Church of God—3.6, Episcopalians—2.5 per cent, Christians—1.4 per cent, Lutherans—1.2 per cent, and Jewish—1 per cent.

Stetson Graduate Wins National Teacher Award

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (BP)—A 1962 Stetson University graduate, Miss Marilyn Jean Greenlaw, has been chosen one of 20 outstanding teachers in the nation by the National Education Association.

A professor of education at the DeLand, Fla., Baptist college nominated her former student for the honor. Miss Greenlaw now teaches fourth grade in Fort Lauderdale.

THESE BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE students will be listed in the current issue of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. This is the highest honor attainable by American college students. The Blue Mountain honored group was selected for character, leadership, scholarship, service to the college, and potentialities of future usefulness to business and society. Arranged left to right: Sarah Spain, San Diego, California; Martha Sue Buchanan, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Madelyn Childers, Ashland; Sue Clayton, Fulton, Mo.; Voncille Rushing, Booneville; and center, holding the World Globe, is Barbara Jett, Moberly, Missouri.

SPIRITUAL VICTORY SEEN IN HUMAN FAILURE

The morning has been a total failure, thought Rev. Will J. Roberts, Southern Baptist missionary among the Kikuyus of Kenya, when he finished preaching to the congregation which filled the new building of Karatina Baptist Church near Nyeri.

It had taken almost an hour and a half to deliver his 30-minute sermon. He had preached in Swahili, lingua franca of East Africa which he studied before moving to Nyeri last May. But the message had had to be interpreted into Kikuyu, language of the area. Many times the young interpreter had hesitated and asked what Mr. Roberts said, or someone

in the congregation had translated for him.

To add to Mr. Roberts' discouragement, the offering had been taken during the invitation following the sermon.

Then the deacon in charge of the service prayed. Afterward

Mr. Roberts heard others speaking in Kikuyu—praying, he thought. He looked up to find the congregation seated while 22 people still standing were one by one acknowledging acceptance of Christ as Lord and Saviour.

"I realized anew that it is

not by might, nor by power,

but by my spirit, saith the

Lord of hosts," says Mr.

Roberts.

Carpenters Honored On 25th Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Horace Carpenter, of Roxie, were recently honored with a silver tea and candlelight service by members of Roxie's First Baptist Church.

The occasion #150 celebrate the pastor's 25th wedding anniversary.

The church's gift to the couple was a chest of silver flatware.

Also, Terry A. Hicks, of Texas, and Wanda Gatlin Hicks, of



ON DECEMBER 1, Glenfield Church at New Albany held the ground breaking for a new auditorium and educational wing and the renovation of the present church building and its conversion into educational space. The cost of the new building program will be approximately \$40,000 and construction is slated to begin immediately. Pictured at the ground breaking are, left to right, Joe Beard, Carl Taylor, Jesse Dye J. J. Jones, the Rev. R. J. Willem, pastor; Lloyd White, chairman of building committee; Elva Dunlap, Troy Dowdy, Bill Maxey and D. R. Thomas, the contractor. Not pictured was R. V. Manning, also a deacon.

REV. W. D. (STEP) MARTIN, pastor of Satsuma Church, Satsuma, Alabama, is shown on the right receiving William Carey College's award for the "Most Outstanding Alumni of 1963." William Mitchell, Director of Public Relations for the college and himself an alumnus, is shown presenting the cup at the annual Homecoming Banquet on Saturday, December 7. Rev. Martin is the retiring president of the Carey Alumni Association and, according to Mr. Mitchell, Alumni Secretary, he has done more during this year to promote the alumni work than any other member of the association. Mr. Martin graduated from William Carey in 1956. He is married to the former Patricia Pinson, and they have four children.

Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

Overseas Staff Gets 1963 Additions

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 20 missionaries in its December meeting, bringing its 1963 appointments to an all-time high of 180. The previous record in appointments for a calendar year was 144, set in 1959. The employment of 15 missionary associates during 1963 gives the Board a total of 195 additions to the overseas staff for the year. That staff now numbers 1,810 (including 27 missionary associates).

In other December actions the Board elected Rev. William W. Marshall, of Roanoke, Va., and Dr. R. Keith Parks, missionary to Indonesia, associate secretaries for missionary personnel, and Dr. Harold G. Basden, of Dallas, Tex., associate secretary for promotion. All will assume their duties in January. On recommendation of its Orient committee, the Board granted Dr. Parks a leave of absence from the mission field to serve for a time in the headquarters capacity.

The Board also elected Dr. John D. W. Watts, missionary in Europe, to succeed Dr. John D. Hughey, Jr., as president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Rorschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. Dr. Hughey will assume responsibilities as the Board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East in January. Dr. Watts has been a professor in the seminary since it opened in 1949.

New Advance Planned

"We are gratified to be able to come to the close of this year with a mission staff in excess of 1,800, an objective toward which we have been working since 1948," Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, said in his report to the Board. Summarizing other accomplishments during 1963—World Missions Year for Southern Baptists—he said the year will be remembered for intensive evangelistic projects overseas.

"We turn our faces toward 1964, the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work in North America, and the years beyond with much anticipation," Dr. Cauthen continued, calling attention to the work of a Board committee which is in the process of drawing up a new program of advance in foreign missions.

Among special projects already being planned overseas, Dr. Cauthen mentioned a Brazil-wide evangelistic effort for 1965 and a large-scale emphasis upon church development in Hong Kong for 1966.

10 Couples to Nine Countries

The 20 missionaries (10 couples) appointed in December are natives of 15 states and one foreign country, and they will serve in nine countries. They are Robert N. Bellinger, native of Louisiana, and Patty Hooppaw Bellinger, of Illinois, appointed for Liberia; Robert R. Compher, of Maryland, and Priscilla Weeks Compher, of Alabama, for Vietnam; Clyde J. Dotson (reappointed), of Alabama, and Anneli Valtinen Dotson, of Finland, for Southern Rhodesia.

Also, Terry A. Hicks, of Texas, and Wanda Gatlin Hicks, of



AT FIRST CHURCH, INVERNESS, Mrs. L. K. Brown recently received a certificate for 10 years of perfect Sunday school attendance, and her daughter Syble Ann one for 9 years. Miss Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Brown, is now a student at Mississippi College. Dr. John Cobb is pastor at Inverness.



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Christmas Means Christ

"Keep Christ in Christmas!" We often hear this plea in these busy days, and well we should, for it is right, and it is needed. There are many who would crowd Christ completely out of Christmas, and make it nothing more than a pagan festival.

However, when all of the rush and clatter and tinsel of the modern Christmas celebration are pressed aside, and the season's true meaning is sought, it is found that Christ is still there at the center. Actually, Christmas means Christ. When Christ is forgotten in the Christmas celebration, it becomes something else. Only when Christ is recognized, can there be a true Christmas.

There are many elements which become a part of the modern Christmas celebration, but all of them, when carefully considered, are seen to center in Christ. Consider some of the glorious meanings of Christmas, and see how Christ is in them all.

CHRISTMAS MEANS JOY. Joy fills the world at Christmas time. There is joy in the faces of little children, as they anticipate and experience all of the thrill and excitement of the season. There is joy in the family circle as loved ones gather at "home for Christmas." There is joy in the greetings of friends old and new at this time of good fellowship and remembrance. There is joy in the air as one walks the streets, enters the stores, gazes at decorations, listens to or watches Christmas programs, or joins with fellow worshippers in the house of God. The true joy, however, and the greatest, centers in Jesus Christ, as we listen anew to the message of the angel "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." There is joy in the world because Christ has come, and if He had not come, the world would hardly know the meaning of joy. Christ is heaven's joy for earth's sorrow.

CHRISTMAS MEANS LOVE. Love expresses itself at the Christmas season as at no other time of the year. The Christmas gift, the personal greeting and the Christmas card, all carry the message of love. It is expressed in a multitude of other ways. Hate is crowded out at the Christmas time, and well, it should be, not only in this season, but also throughout the year. Love's full meaning, however, even at Christmas, is not seen until we look back to Bethlehem and see that "God so loved . . . that He gave His . . . Son." This is the central truth of Christmas. Christ is heaven's love for earth's hate.

CHRISTMAS MEANS LIGHT. The glory of Christ seems to light the whole world. Christmas lights glow in every home. The streets gladden with the bulbs of many colors. Stores and homes and storefronts are brilliant. Yet, in one stops to consider, he knows that the brightest light of Christmas comes from Bethlehem, where God's star points the way to the manger, and the glow of God is seen in Christ Himself. Christ is the light of the world. He is heaven's light for earth's darkness.

CHRISTMAS MEANS GIFTS. The spirit of giving reaches its fullest meaning at the Christmas season. Gifts are everywhere. They are piled under the Christmas trees. They stuff the stockings hanging at the chimneys. They overburden the mail carriers. They fill the Christmas baskets for the poor. There are large gifts and small gifts, everywhere. Nor would we change that spirit. It is the spirit of Christmas, for Christmas came to the world when God gave to earth its greatest gift, which Paul called "God's unspeakable gift." Christ is heaven's gift for earth's need.

CHRISTMAS MEANS PEACE. The message of peace seems to wing around the earth at Christmas time. The story often has been told of how men in battle have held their firing on Christmas eve and Christmas day. Somehow, it is difficult to hate, and kill and destroy at the Christmas time. All the world longs for peace, and Christmas always brings new hope that it may come. This is because at the first Christmas, the angel messengers announcing the birth of Christ, said that it meant "Peace on earth; good will to men." Christ is heaven's peace for the earth's turmoil.

CHRISTMAS MEANS MUSIC. "There's a song in the air." Christmas music does fill the air. It is in the stores, on radio and television, in the streets, in the homes, and in the churches. While some of it has a strange sound, much of it is the glorious music of Christmas . . . carols and anthems which tell of the Christ who was born. Christmas music began with the angels, who sang, "Glory to God in the highest." Christ is heaven's music for earth's clatter.

CHRISTMAS MEANS HOPE. The world often knows much of despair, but somehow hearts are lifted in hope at the Christmas time. Everywhere, men look up, believing that dreams will come true, and hopes will be fulfilled. Of course the true hope, the one hope, of Christmas and all other days, is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is heaven's hope for earth's despair.

CHRISTMAS MEANS LIFE. A child is born. That is life. But the babe in the Bethlehem manger meant more than merely that a new life had been born. This child meant life for the world, new life, spiritual life for all men. Christ is heaven's life for earth's death.

Here then is the meaning of Christmas. Look at it as you will, Christ is always at the center. Crowd Him out and no true Christmas is left. Recognize Him, and build Christmas around Him, and Christmas has glorious fullness of meaning.

Let us keep Christ at the very center of Christmas this year.

Quotables

SELECTED BY THE EDITOR FROM CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT AND OPINION

Quote, In Memoriam: "In whatever arena of life one may meet the challenge of courage, whatever may be the sacrifices he faces if he follows his conscience—the loss of his friends, his fortune, his contentment, even the esteem of his fellowmen—each man must decide for himself the course he will follow. The stories of past courage can define that ingredient—they can teach, they can offer hope, they can provide inspiration. But they cannot supply courage itself. For this each man must look into his own soul."—*Profiles in Courage*, John F. Kennedy

Another adversary, more hideous in appearance, is the lack of holiness. Ignorance, inner retreat from responsibility, and commitment with reservations can all live in a life that appears to be Christian. A moral and impure behavior, however, cannot be disguised or camouflaged. When Gandhi was asked to name the greatest enemy Jesus had in India, he answered in one word, "Christianity."—Wade E. Darby in "Christ for the World," compiled and edited by G. Allen West, Jr. (Broadman Press, 1963).

WHERE THE SAVIOUR WAS BORN—The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem is built over a grotto which marks the traditional site where Christ was born 2,000 years ago. On the floor of the grotto the exact spot of the Nativity is believed to be marked by the Star of Bethlehem.—RNS Photo

New Books

PROPHETIC PREACHING, THEN AND NOW by Roland Q. Leavell (Baker, 96 pp., \$2.25)

The late Dr. Leavell was a great preacher himself, and a teacher of preachers. In this volume he points the preacher to his prophetic responsibility, and shows him how he must do his duty. He discusses the meaning of the prophet; the problems of preaching in crisis times; preaching against social unrighteousness; prophecy; judgment; love; the future; pleading with men to accept salvation; and the example of John the Baptist. Preachers, young and old, will find inspiration, challenge and information in these pages.

THE BAPTIST WAY OF LIFE, by Brooks Mays and John E. Steely, (Prentice-Hall, 205 pp., \$3.95.)

It has been suggested this scholarly and authentic book will be a subject of discussion, and perhaps controversy, among Baptists during coming months.

Brooks Hays, the world's best known Baptist layman, and Dr. Steely, a prominent professor of historical theology in Southeastern Baptist Seminary, have worked together to relate Baptist beginnings in the old world as well as in this country. However, only a small part of the book is taken up with history as such. Calling Baptists "Evangelical Protestants" and giving attention to personal conduct, social responsibility and race relations may cause some conservatives to look on some of the statements as heresy. At the same time some liberals will find enough to be able to apply the word Puritanism to other statements.

As one reads he will soon have the idea the authors are

The Kingdom

The organized "kingdom of heaven" will come in due time; but its introduction is God's affair, not ours . . . Meantime, the "kingdom of heaven" now exists in the earth only as a "kingdom within." We can enter it only as it enters us through personal regeneration.

As God inaugurates His Kingdom through the individual man, so he develops and propagates it through the church, which is also individual . . . No human devices can compel that kingdom immediately to appear. The "universal church invisible" if there were one, could offer up no specific place for service, since it must remain ideal . . . There is no record of a "Gospel of the church," but only a "Gospel of the Kingdom" — Kingdom to be manifested in due time. Meantime, the "manifold wisdom of God" is "NOW" to be "MADE KNOWN THROUGH THE CHURCH" (Eph. 3:10). Let him who would hasten the coming of the end not pervert or despise the appointed means. — Jesse B. Thomas in THE CHURCH AND THE KINGDOM.

making no attempt to please any segment of the denominations, but to explain and interpret the Baptist Way of Life as they understand it without regard to protecting traditions.

Written in an interesting and fascinating style, the general reader will have a new appreciation of world Baptist fellowship and the contributions which the denomination has made and continues to make to the larger Christian fellowship to the ends of the earth.—Bruce H. Price Newport News, Va.

ADVENTURES IN THE HOLY LAND by Norman Vincent Peale (Prentice-Hall, 176 pp., \$5.95)

This is a beautiful and informative book. While it narrates the author's experiences and impressions as he visited Bible lands, it is much more than a mere travelogue. Out of his vast knowledge of the Biblical and Biblical and Christian history, the author brings history to life as various points of interest are visited. One has a feeling that he is walking in the footsteps of Jesus and other Bible characters, and many of the scenes of Bible record are made to live again. The book has many illustrations, several of them being full page color pictures. Those who have visited the Holy Land will have memories refreshed, and those who have not had that privilege will feel that they have had a brief tour of the land.

SOUL-SAVING SERMONS by John R. Rice (Sword of the Lord, 204 pp., \$2.50)

Heart-warming, soul-stirring messages, preached for the express purpose of leading souls to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. The sermons are scriptural in content and message, clear in outline, and richly illustrated from the author's broad experience in evangelism. The lost person who reads these messages will know why he should be saved.

and how to be saved. The saved person will find help in telling others the way of salvation.

THE FOUR MAJOR CULTS by Anthony Hoekema (Eerdman's, 447 pp., \$5.95)

A comprehensive textbook and reference book on the four major cults of modern American life. These cults are Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh-Day Adventists, and Christian Science. For each of the four there is given a concise history, a source of authority, and a discussion of basic distinctive doctrines. Appendices dealing with special problems are given for three of the groups. The last two chapters discuss the distinctive traits of the cults, and methods of approaching a cultist in an effort to bring him to a true knowledge of Christ. A splendid bibliography and a full index are added. The author has an objective point of view and deals fairly with each of the cults, but also gives a critical approach in the light of God's Word, showing where and why the cult is wrong in its teaching. This is a valuable addition to literature dealing with these fast growing groups.

—THIRTY

WAR OF THE BIRDS by John Calvin Reid (Wm. B. Eerdman's, \$1.00)

Here is a fable about birds in the Garden of Eden, who at the serpent's whispers began to fight over which had the most beautiful shade of feathers. This colorful book for children is illustrated by Macy Schwarz.

HANDBOOK OF BIBLE HISTORY, Book III—The Gospels, by George Stob (Wm. B. Eerdman's, 177 pp., paperback.)

Part of a Bible study course, intended for use by the whole family. Gives simple story-type synopsis of Scripture passages followed by some interpretation, with questions to be answered.

Top Problem Is Lack Of Trained Pastors

ATLANTA (BP)—The lack of adequately trained pastors who can and will challenge and lead the membership of the churches was ranked as their number one problem by state Baptist mission leaders.

The ranking of problems occurred here at the annual meeting of state mission leaders with personnel of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Attending the meeting were the executive secretaries and superintendents of missions of the state Baptist conventions.

In a ballot distributed by mail, by Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the mission agency, the mission leaders were asked "To rank the problems as they affect the work in your state." They were also asked to add any others.

The ballots of the two groups were tabulated separately, but the voting revealed a definite similarity. The only sharp break occurred on voting for the second place problem.

The executive secretaries ranked as their second problem, "Inability or failure of Christian leaders to develop the spiritual fervor and power needed for our task." The superintendents of missions ranked this third.

Second place problem for the superintendents was "Opposing forces in our society that hinder the spread of the gospel, such as: materialism, immorality, alcoholism, false religions, and philosophies." The secretaries ranked this seventh.

Inadequate Support Seen

Inadequate financial support was the fourth ranked problem, and inadequate buildings and equipment was fifth. Lack of sufficient pastors was the sixth problem, and the large number of non-resident and

inactive church members was seventh.

Two explosive issues of the day, doctrinal controversy and race conflicts, were two of the lowest ranked problems by the mission leaders.

Some time was spent by the mission leaders in discussing solutions for these top ranked problems.

To provide more adequately trained pastors they suggested enlargement of the extension courses in the seminaries, more summer Bible courses in colleges, workshops, in-service training programs in colleges, and additional meetings on techniques of work.

To develop the spiritual fervor of Christian leaders they suggested spiritual retreats in the churches, a stronger emphasis on Training Union, an enlarged sense of personal commitment, an emphasis on the pastor's devotional life, more Bible study, and conferences for rural pastors.

Radio-Tv Agency Sets New Record

History has been made at Southern Baptists' Radio-Television Commission today!

For the first time since the agency was begun, stations in all 50 states have accepted a particular program for broadcast.

A total of 472 radio stations requested "Carols of Christmas" for broadcast at their discretion during the Christmas season.

The aggregate of programs produced by the commission and broadcast in all 50 states in many countries, but never before has a program or a series been accepted simultaneously throughout the U. S., according to Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director.

A snowbound station in Minot, N. D., KCJB, caused "Carols of Christmas," a special double album of 45 five-minute radio service program segments, to achieve this distinction.

Each of the program segments features Christmas carols and the story behind it, in both narration and music. The special program album was offered to stations at no charge, as are all commission-produced radio and television programs.

Pages

From The Past

By J. L. Boyd

60 Years Ago

The South McComb Baptist Church was organized early in 1903. During their Revival meeting in November of that year, they had as their visiting preacher J. H. Lane of Magnolia. There were 76 additions to the membership, six for baptism and 76 by letter, mostly from the Whitestown Baptist Church. Acting Pastor R. J. Boone, reporting.

Student T. L. Holcomb of Clinton was called by the Dutchtown Baptist Church in South Jackson (now Griffith Memorial) to preach for them Sunday afternoons.

50 Years Ago

The First Church, Columbus, dedicated their new house of worship at the close of three-weeks' revival, during which there were "more than fifty added to the membership." Pastor J. B. Lawrence was assisted by J. B. Leavell who delivered the dedicatory sermon.

During the Pastor's Conference prior to the opening of the 1913 session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention at Columbia, the topic, "The Advisability of Reviving the Office of Deaconess in our Churches," was discussed.

Favorable comments were made, but no action taken.

40 Years Ago

The First Church, Biloxi, having built an attractive Tabernacle on the lot recently purchased on West Howard Avenue, held a revival meeting under it which resulted in 33 additions, 19 of them by baptism. Pastor S. G. Posey did the preaching, assisted by a brother, Virgil Posey, of Jackson as song leader. At a rededication service over 250 present re-consecrated their lives to the Lord. Miss Helen Samain, reporting.

The Shady Grove Baptist Church, Copiah County, was organized October 28, 1923, in the Shady Grove school house with 90 charter members. That night a Graded BYPU was organized with Adult, Senior, Intermediate and Junior unions. H. C. Joiner was the first pastor.

25 Years Ago

Good Hope Church, Winston County, closed a successful meeting with 18 additions, 11 for baptism. Pastor R. D. Pearson was assisted by W. W. Hamilton, visiting preacher.

Calendar Of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

December 23 — Joe Baker, Clarke College faculty; Mrs. Margarette Cox, Mississippi College faculty.

December 24 — J. Frank Davis, faculty; William Carey College; Ben W. Goodard, Greene & Wayne superintendent of missions.

December 25 — Mrs. R. L. Melford, WMU vice-president, District III; Marian Leavell, Baptist Student Director, Ole Miss.

December 26 — Paul N. Nunney, superintendent, Children's Village; Kelly Wall, Mississippi Association Training Union director.

December 27 — Patricia Moore, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. O. M. Jones, Baptist Book Store manager.

December 28 — Mrs. Annie Lou Addison, staff, Carey College; Mrs. Jimmy McCaleb, WMU vice-president, District IV.

December 29 — Flora Posey, faculty, Gilfoy School of Nursing; Claude Foster, Monroe associational Training Union director.

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NEW MEMBERS OF FOUNDATION—J. N. Barron of Crystal Springs (left) and Rev. Tom F. Rayburn of Laurel were elected at the recent meeting of the State Convention as trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. The retiring members were Charles O. Dean of Leland and Ed C. Polk of Hattiesburg. Each of these men had served for a number of years as trustees, Mr. Dean as president and Mr. Polk as chairman of the executive committee.



Morgantown Builds Pastorium

Morgantown Church, Natchez recently completed the construction of a new pastorium. The brick-veneer house, with aluminum windows, is built on a colonial theme. The house is located near the Morgantown school on a selected piece of property donated to the church in 1957 by Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Booker, Sr.

The house has three bedrooms, a pastor's study, two baths, a foyer, a living room, a den, and a modern kitchen. To the rear of the double carport is a storage room and a utility room. The heating area of the house, which is centrally heated and cooled, provides 1500 square feet with 2200 square feet total space.

The residence was built by

the Lipscomb Construction Company of Natchez at a cost of approximately \$15,400.00. A limited amount of materials and most of the labor for wiring, roofing, and painting the house were donated. L. E. Booker, Sr. served as the Chairman of the Building Committee.

Mrs. Green's bill would allow a public or nonprofit agency or institution to challenge in the courts the constitutionality of grants or loans to any other institution. The Senate bill would expand this to two other parties. It would allow

An "open house" was held Sunday afternoon, December 8, by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Lee, and his wife.

The former pastor's residence is now being used by the Minister of Education and Music, Hubert Reeves. Thus, for the first time the Morgantown church owns two homes.

Plans are under discussion to begin building additional educational space.

The residence was built by

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TEMPLE, PETAL CALLS PASTOR

Rev. G. W. Smith has been called as pastor of Temple Church, Petal, in Lebanon Association. He assumed his duties there Sunday, November 24.

Mr. Smith has been pastor of the Calvary Church in Price-
dale for the past five years and eight months. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

He and his wife, the former Lottie Bee Hart, have two children, Janell, 18, and Gregory, 13.

His former pastorate include Mount Morgan in Hinds County and Bethel in Lincoln County.

During Rev. Smith's pastorate at Calvary the church was relocated and an entire new structure erected. The church budget was doubled and all organizational work showed marked progress. There were 43 members added by baptism and almost an equal number by letter.



Rev. G. W. Smith

Duties Of The Associational Royal Ambassador Leader

(Continued from September 19, 1963 issue)

3. MEETINGS FOR LEADERS AND COUNSELORS

Leadership training is the key to the success of any program. This vital phase of Royal Ambassador work must not be neglected. The boys will respond in proportion to what the Leaders and counselors know and do about the work. Associational leadership meetings may include:

A. Basic Leadership Courses

(1) Courses available
Basic Training Course for Crusader Counselors
Basic Training Course for Pioneer Counselors
Basic Training Course for Ambassador Counselors

(2) Time required
Each course requires about 7½ hours.

A course may be taught in one week or scheduled over a longer period of time.

(3) Scheduling of courses
Courses should be scheduled often enough to provide instruction for new counselors and assistant counselors.

The more often courses are taught, the more counselors will be benefited.

(4) Leaders in charge
Only qualified men should teach Royal Ambassador courses.

Committee members charged with the responsibility of a particular age group (Crusaders, pioneers, Ambassadors) should provide counselor training for counselors of that age group.

Courses may be scheduled with counselor training and may secure other capable men to help teach these courses.

(5) Leadership training materials available from Baptist book stores:
The Crusader Counselor's

Guide
The Pioneer Counselor's Guide
The Ambassador Counselor's Guide
Instructor's Guide for Teaching the Pioneer Counselor's Guide

Instructor's Guide for Teaching the Ambassador Counselor's Guide
Workbook for Mastering the Crusader Counselor's Guide

Workbook for Mastering the Pioneer Counselor's Guide

Workbook for Mastering the Ambassador Counselor's Guide

The Page Manual
The Squire Manual
The Knight Manual

"The Ambassador Chapter at Work" (Booklet)
"The Ambassador Service-Aide Program" (Booklet)
"The Ambassador and His Church" (booklet)

"Ambassadors and Christian Citizenship" (booklet)
"Ambassadors and World Missions" (Booklet)

"The Royal Ambassador Leader and Committee of the Church Brotherhood" (booklet)

Filmstrip—Available from Baptist book store "Fundamentals of Royal Ambassadors"

"Planning and Conducting a Royal Ambassador Chapter Meeting"

"The Royal Ambassador Leader and Committee of the Church Brotherhood" (booklet)

"Introducing Royal Ambassador Campcraft"

(6) Records

Send the name, address, and church affiliation of each person completing the course to the state Brotherhood department. A card, certifying the completion of the course, should be sent to each man.

(7) Leadership training materials available from Baptist book stores:

The Crusader Counselor's

Courts May Test Federal School Aid

WASHINGTON (BP)—Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.) introduced in the Senate a bill providing for a possible court test on the constitutionality of federal grants and loans to church-related institutions.

The bill, jointly sponsored by Sen. Joseph S. Clark (D., Pa.), is a companion bill to the one introduced earlier in the house by Rep. Edith Green (D., Ore.).

Judicial review was a point of difference in the original senate and house versions of the college aid bill. A provision for a possible court test on the constitutionality of federal funds for church-operated schools was included in the Senate version of the bill. The House opposed such a measure. The compromise version, passed by the House and now awaiting Senate approval, omitted the judicial review provision.

The companion House and Senate bills would provide for judicial review under four programs: (1) The present higher education measure, (2) The National Defense Education Act, (3) The Hill-Burton Hospital Construction Act, and (4) The new Mental Retardation Facilities Construction Act.

Mrs. Green's bill would allow a public or nonprofit agency or institution to challenge in the courts the constitutionality of grants or loans to any other institution. The Senate bill would expand this to two other parties. It would allow

any tax payer to bring suit, and it would allow a college which was denied funds on the grounds that such funds would be unconstitutional to bring a suit.

Sen. Morse stated that in the conference committee on the higher education bill he and Mrs. Green agreed that each would introduce legislation calling for judicial review. This, he said, which was not included in the conference bill.

Such legislation, Morse said, offers "An avenue of legislative approach for settling the exceedingly difficult constitutional problems which are of such deep concern to those of us who seek to pass the broadest possible educational legislation within the constitutional confines."

Mrs. Green, in introducing her bill earlier, made it clear that she did not believe the higher education measure "Violates any constitutional provision." She said she introduced the measure "Because some of my colleagues have expressed concern about it."

State Adds Library In November

NASHVILLE — Oakland Grove Baptist Church of Laurel, Miss., was among 42 churches registering libraries in November with the church library department of the Baptist Sunday School board, Nashville.

David E. Townsend is pastor of the church, and Mrs. Townsend is librarian.

CHURCH DISAPPROVES ADAMS

Cary Church, Rev. Doug Chatham, pastor, Cary, Miss., adopted on Dec. 4, a resolution opposing the appearance of Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., as a Southern Baptist representative on the NBC television network on Dec. 14.

The opposition was based on the contention that Mr. Adams is "actually a Northern Baptist" . . . "never ordained by a Southern Baptist Church"; that he has "continued to promote affiliation of the SBC with the World Council of Churches"; that "he is a known liberal"; that he has been listed as sponsor of a Communist "front" organization; and that he is not a "suitable spokesman for the Southern Baptist Convention."

The church went on record as "strongly opposed" to the appearance of Dr. Adams as "a spokesman for our denomination." Copies of the resolution have been sent to the Radio and Television Commission, all state papers, and neighboring churches. The resolution was signed by the pastor and church clerk.

Tapscott Resigns

DALLAS, (BP)—L. H. Tapscott, secretary of the Brotherhood Department for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has been elected minister of education for the 6,700 member Cliff Temple Church here.

Tapscott has directed statewide brotherhood work in Texas for the past 18 years. He assumes the local church position Jan. 1, 1964.

ance has grown from 189 to 262; church receipts have increased from \$14,000 to \$24,000 annually. Last year the church led George County in baptisms, with 40, and had the county's highest average in Training Union attendance, with 146.

Two new educational units have been added with air-conditioning and centralized heating. The recreational unit and children's building, church general office, library, pastor's study and educational director's office are contained in this additional 8,000 square feet of floor space.

At the close of the night services Rev. Hale and family were given a reception. There was a food pounding and a cash gift from the church to the pastor and his family.

Hale is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Betty Jean Insnit, and they have four children, John William 18, Jim 12, Timothy 11, and Mary Denise 5.

Thursday, December 19, 1963



MOST OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL SUPERINTENDENTS OF MISSIONS were present for the annual fellowship and orientation program held for them at Camp Garaywa under sponsorship of the Cooperative Missions Department, Dr. Foy Rogers, secretary. The week-long program included messages, study, conferences, fellowship and testimonies. Included with the group were several associational moderators.



FIVE WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE CO-EDS were selected out of 21 to represent the beauty of the campus in the Carey yearbook, "The Crusader," for this current school year. One of the five has already been chosen as "Most Beautiful," but the identity will not be made known until the day that yearbooks are distributed to the students next May. Those five representing best the ideals of beauty, poise, personality, and charm were, left to right: Joy Sisk, Ann Nalls, Carol Brumfield, Dottie Hewitt and Linda Glaze.



W. W. EASLEY II, of Jackson, the architect, (left), presents key to new Midway building to **Paul Monroe**, chairman of the building and planning committee.

Midway Dedicates New Building

Midway Church, Jackson, dedicated its new educational building December 1. Dr. J. Clark Hensley, superintendent of missions for Hinds Association, brought the dedicatory message. Mrs. O. U. Rushing, charter member of Midway and in whose home the church was begun was recognized, along with Rev. Ray M. Dykes, a former pastor.

Other guests included the contractor, William Jones and the architect, W. W. Easley, II, both of Jackson. Mrs. Jack Grogan sang, "Bless This House" and Hulon Bilbo, chairman of deacons closed the service with a dedicatory prayer. Open house was held following the service.

The building was financed through the sale of \$150,000.00 in church bonds this past March. The campaign was directed by Dr. Ralph Kyle of Atlanta, Georgia and completed in three and one-half days. The total cost of the building was \$157,000.00. It is a three story building containing 17,697 sq. ft. and is the first unit of a three unit long range program.

The building was occupied December 8, with new records for Sunday School 557, and Training Union 243, being set. The pastor is Rev. W. Benton Preston.

262 CHURCHES HAD SCHOOLS OF MISSIONS IN '63

Rev. Leon Emery, schools of missions director, reports that 262 churches participated in Schools of Missions during the 1963 year.

The schools of missions program was emphasized in the northeast Area and 63 percent of the churches in that area participated. Total attendance of 80,677 was reached.

257 missionaries participated. These were composed of foreign, home, state and associational missionaries. The larger group (87) were from foreign fields. They delivered 1453 missionary addresses.

400 mission study classes were conducted. Twenty-two made professions of faith and thirty-nine volunteered for full-time Christian service.

Garland Stewart Dies at Ruleville

Garland S. Stewart, member and deacon of Ruleville Church, died on November 16, 1963.

The Ruleville pastor, Rev. Wilbur Webb, and deacons (E. P. Tolbert, Jr., chairman) have adopted a resolution expressing their sorrow at his death.

"Brother Stewart served his church, his community, his country, and his family with untiring faithfulness and love.

"We humbly and reverently call to memory the fellowship, the devoted, sacrificial, unselfish, and loyal service of this beloved friend. This is not mere sentimentality. Our every memory of this beloved servant inspires us to worthy living, nobler accomplishments, and deeper dedication."



Pastor Accepts Mission Post

Rev. James L. Terpo, pastor of Richton Church the past three years, has accepted the position of superintendent of missions for Panola Association and will begin his new work Jan. 6.

Mr. Terpo is a native of West Blocton, Ala., and a graduate of Carey College. He has also attended Howard College Extension Center in Birmingham.

The Richton Church has grown substantially under his leadership. There has been a total of 101 additions, with 39 of these by baptism.

The building fund has increased from \$2,900 to \$24,000. Cooperative program gifts have increased to 15 per cent of budget while associational missions gifts now compose 2 per cent of budget.

The church is enrolled in the Church Development Ministry. It has adopted the rotation plan of electing deacons and the budget has been increased from \$18,000 to \$30,000.

SEVERAL MEMBERS were present for the most recent meeting of the State Historical Commission. From left: Rev. Reid Dicken, Charleston, president and member of Executive Committee; R. H. Posey, Flora, vice-president and member of Executive Committee; Rev. J. C. Sansing, Carrollton, member of Executive Committee; Dr. James B. Butler, Jackson, secretary and member of Executive Committee; Rev. F. K. Norton, Clarksdale; Rev. B. T. Bishop, Sr., Meadville, chairman of Executive Committee. Those not shown are: Rev. S. R. Pruden, Laurel; Rev. J. Mack Jones, Port Gibson; Dr. J. S. Riser, Jackson, and Rev. J. L. Boyd, Clinton.

Rocky Creek Church, George County, observed the fourth anniversary of their pastor, Rev. Bill Hale, on Sunday, December 8. In the past four years the average Sunday school attendance



INCLUDED IN THE Homecoming Court for Saturday, December 7, at William Carey College were, left to right: Dickie Owens, Mobile, Alabama; Carol Pierce, Los Angeles, California; Nathan Hale, Meridian; Carol Jo Edwards, Leaf; Tommy Russ, Mobile, Ala.; Carolyn Simpson, Theodore, Ala.; Betty Duncan, Satsuma, Ala.; Mike Howard, McLaury; Mildred Alexander, Pickens, South Carolina; and Lerlin Dow, Greenwood, South Carolina.

MUSIC EDUCATION AT HEART OF NATION-WIDE CONFERENCE

NASHVILLE—Music education is at the heart of the first nation-wide conference of Southern Baptist Musicians, set for Feb. 11-13 in Louisville.

Thirteen simultaneous conferences on many phases of church music education will be held during the afternoons of Feb. 12 and 13.

A faculty of nationally known music educators and artists have been invited for the conference, which commemorates 20 years of organized music work in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Conferences by titles and leaders are:

"Administering the graded choir program," Dr. Federal Lee Whittlesey, executive secretary-treasurer of the Choristers' guild, Dallas.

"Choral problems for the pre-adolescent" and "Introducing part-singing," Mrs. Mabel Stewart Boyer, specialist in music training for children, Atlanta.

"Choral Technique and Interpretation," Dr. Harry Robert Wilson, chairman of the music department at teachers college, Columbia University, New York City.

"Choral Writing," Dr. W. Lawrence Curry, music consultant for the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, Philadelphia.

"Church Solo Singing," Mrs. Cecilia Ward, soloist in concert and oratorio, Alexandria, La. (emphasis on standard solo repertoire) and Dr. Claude H. Rhea, head of the division of fine arts, Houston (Tex.) Baptist College. (Emphasis on hymns and gospel songs as solo repertoire).

"Exploring The Changing Voice" and "After The Changing Voice, What?" Dr. Travis Shelton, professor of music education, Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

"Growth and Development of the Young Child's Voice" and "Teaching Songs to Young Children," Dr. Robert B. Smith, child research laboratory, University of Illinois, Urbana.

"How Is Your Diction?" "How Is Your Diction?" Mr. Madeleine Marshall, teacher of English singing diction at Juilliard School of Music, New York City, and at the school of sacred music, Union Theological Seminary.

"Hymns and Hymn Tunes" and "Planning the Worship Service," Hugh T. McElrath, assistant professor of church music, school of church music, Southern Seminary, Louisville.

"Master Organ Class," H. Max Smith, organist and artist in residence at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

"Master piano class," and "Class Piano Pedagogy," Dr. Louis O. Ball, Jr., chairman of the music department, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.

"Music Therapy" and "Music for the Unusual Child," Mr. Dorothy Brin Crocker, director of music therapy, Shady Brook Schools, Richardson, Tex., and instructor in music therapy, Southern Methodist University.

"Utilizing Orchestral Instruments," Dr. Robert S. Douglass, professor of musicology, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

The nation-wide conference of Southern Baptist musicians is under the direction of the church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, in co-operation with the state music departments of the SBC.

Yuletide Music

The Youth Choir will sing a cantata, "Love Transcending" by John W. Peterson on Sunday night, December 15, followed by a Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday night, December 18.

The Adult Choir will sing "Born A King," another Peterson work on Sunday night, December 22.

Aside from these two musicals, the music department plans a carol sing for downtown Tupelo shoppers and for the Community Hospital.

Named to the committee were the following: Bert I. Cherry of Illinois, chairman; David Hall of Arizona, Joe Weldon Bailey of Texas, Harold Hicks of Arkansas, Volus Norsworthy of Oklahoma, Lloyd White of Florida, Mrs. Roy W. Babb of Tennessee, William A. Mitchiner of North Carolina, G. W. Bullard of Maryland, James H. Robb of Pennsylvania (Representing Ohio Baptists), John W. Hughston, Jr., of Georgia, and Mrs. John J. Hurt, Jr., of Georgia. President Cole is an ex officio member of the committee.

Youth Choir Tour

Some fifty young people of the Calvary Church will share their talent with churches of a two-state area. The youngsters, under the leadership of Jack Day, Minister of Music, will sing a concert of music for churches in Mississippi and Louisiana terminating their tour in New Orleans.

The choir tour will begin the first week in June 1964.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST Missions In Montana

(Fourth and Final in Series)
By Owen Cooper
Yankee City
Bozeman

Bozeman, population 13,000, has a church with a membership of approximately 40. It is located in the southwestern part of Montana. Bozeman is the site of Montana State University with approximately 5,000 students, the largest college in Montana.

The church at Forsyth is composed largely of ranchers who live in the general area. Plans are underway to intensify the program of enlisting additional people from the town of Forsyth itself.

Fort Benton

The church in Bozeman meets in the basement of the home of Rev. and Mrs. John Hamilton. Brother Hamilton serves as pastor of the church. Brother and Mrs. Hamilton have long been interested in BSU work and this interest has continued since their arrival in Montana. Brother Hamilton serves as state BSU director on a voluntary basis in addition to the work among the college students on the Montana State University campus and his duties as pastor.

There is a great need for a building in Bozeman which would provide not only a suitable place for worship but adequate educational facilities. A program is being developed which may lead to the securing of property and later the erection of a first unit building.

Bozeman was the last of the churches visited during the late July trip. (The situation has changed somewhat in Bozeman since that time but I am not in a position to comment on the change at this time.)

Time and transportation limitations made it impossible to visit all of the churches and mission points in Montana. A brief comment about the areas and places not visited appears appropriate.

Forsyth

There is a church at Forsyth, Montana, located in the east central part of the state. This church has a nice building and has recently acquired a pastor's home. Rev. Forrest B. Williams serves as pastor of the church. During the past few

years he has been teaching by a Mississippi College student who was serving as a summer missionary. This student, Arthur Bléssitt, stayed out of school for the fall semester of 1962 in order to carry the mission into the organization of a church.

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Under Brother Hudson's leadership the church has continued to grow and make progress in every respect. The Summer Vacation Bible School was a notable success.

There is a good probability of the church acquiring a lot on which they would plan to erect a small, first unit of a building. The Broadmoor Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi is providing the church at Anaconda with financial assistance.

Missoula

The church at Missoula, Montana is pastored by Rev. W. A. Wiggins. The church was organized in 1957, and has about 100 members. They recently acquired a lot with the assistance of the Home Mission Board and plans are underway to erect a first unit building on the lot.

Missoula is the home of the University of Montana and is the 4th largest city in Montana.

After having seen most of the churches in Montana, the progress being made, the difficulties encountered, the dedication of the pastors, the commitment of the members and the assistance given from Mississippi, the impression definitely came that Southern Baptists have a great future in Montana. The work will be slow but it is being built on a firm foundation and within 10 years time Southern Baptists can be the largest protestant denomination in the state.

Summary

In closing it might be of interest to point out the extent of work done by various groups in Mississippi thus far during 1963:

- Assisted in promoting and coordinating the April, 1963 pastor-led crusade.

- A Youth Revival Team, composed of three young men from William Carey College, conducted eighteen three-day revivals in nineteen Southern Baptist Churches in Montana in the summer of 1963.

- Five summer student missionaries were sent to Montana in addition to those sent by the Home Mission Board and the State BSU. These five students conducted Vacation Bible Schools, religious census, surveys and were of general assistance to the various churches in which they worked.

- Assisted in the organization of a mission in Livingston, Montana where a Mississippi College summer missionary served as summer pastor.

- Assisted in the beginning of a mission in Libby, Montana with a Mississippi College ministerial graduate serving as pastor for the first fourteen months.

- Assisted in starting a mission in Havre, Montana through a direct financial contribution in getting the work underway.

- Assisted in starting a building program for the East Helena Baptist Church by participating in the purchase of lot to be used by the mission for the erection of a building.

- Assisted with a financial contribution in the moving expenses of three pastors to Montana.

- Assisted in the location of four Mississippi teachers in Montana to teach during next year.

- Conducted a Laymen's Crusade in Montana during the summer of 1963.

- Assisted directly and indirectly in planning, coordinating and developing programs which have resulted in the following:

- providing an adequate meeting place for the Indian mission at Brockton.

- the permanent establishment of Southern Baptist work in Miles City.

- erection of a parsonage for Calvary Church in Helena.

- erection of an addition to the South Side Church in Billings.

- acquisition of a building site, pastor's home and small chapel for the Westside Church in Great Falls.

- WMU leadership courses held in each of the four associations in Montana conducted by eight Mississippi WMU leaders and a Mississippi foreign missionary.



Rev. R. B. Patterson, Sr.

PATTERSON TO RETIRE

Rev. R. B. Patterson, Sr., for the past eighteen years associated missionary, has resigned his present work as Superintendent of Missions for Grenada and Yalobusha Associations, to be effective on January 1, 1964. He will have served in his present position three years and four months.

On February 1, of this year, he closed ten years service as Area Missionary with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The other eight years were given to that of associational missions. He has served in the following north Mississippi counties: Calhoun, Pontotoc, Alcorn, Tishomingo, Itawamba, Monroe, Grenada and Yalobusha.

Dr. Foy Rogers, Secretary of Cooperative Missions, for Mississippi Baptist Convention Board stated, "No man in our associational force has meant more to associational missions and to the mission causes of Mississippi and Southern Baptists than Brother Patterson."

Prior to becoming an associational missionary Rev. Patterson served as pastor in Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi. Some of his Mississippi pastorate include Anguilla, Delta City, Crestwood—Jackson, Calhoun City, and Okolona. He was pastor of the Longview Heights Church, Memphis, Tennessee, just prior returning to Mississippi.

Rev. and Mrs. Patterson will continue to reside in Grenada, where they have their home at 350 College Blvd. Patterson has served five years beyond the age retirement set for the State Mission Board/employees, and two years beyond that limit of the Home Mission Board.

Although retiring from his present field of work, Missionary Patterson will continue to render any services open to him — such as pulpit supply, and other forms of church work available from time to time. This year is his forty-ninth in the ministry.

Beulah Memorial Pastor Ordained

Recently called pastor of Beulah Memorial Church, Brownsville, Rev. Rollin Hill, was ordained Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1, in ceremonies held at the Clinton Boulevard Church in Jackson.

Hill, a Mississippi College junior formerly of St. Louis, Mo., with his wife, Joann, and five-year-old son, Gregory, had moved into the pastorate the day before.

The ordination council consisted of Rev. Joe H. Royalty, pastor of Clinton Blvd. Church and moderator; Dr. A. A. Kitchens, retired professor of Bible at Mississippi College; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Superintendent of Missions for Hinds County; Rev. J. N. Gipson, evangelist; Rev. J. D. Nazary, pastor, West Jackson church; Rev. C. P. Douglas, minister; and Rev. R. R. Newman, who served as clerk of the council, as a minister.

At the afternoon service, Rev. Royalty read the Scripture; Dr. Hensley presented the charge; Evangelist Johnny Gipson, representing Clinton Blvd. Church, presented Rev. Hill with an ordination Bible.

Circulation of New Periodicals Now Soaring

NASHVILLE — Circulation figures are climbing above expectations for one new Baptist Sunday School Board periodical and three others, new in format. All became available October 1.

Connie McCray, supervisor of the literature information service in the board's church literature department, has released circulation figures.

CHRISTMAS 1963

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Rev. Glen T. Williams

ACCEPTS GLADE PASTORATE

Rev. Glen T. Williams has resigned as pastor of the Lake Como Church at Bay Springs and as Superintendent of Missions of the Jasper County Association, to accept the pastorate of Glade Church near Laurel in Jones Association. He began his work at Glade on November 1.

During his ministry at Lake Como, the church participated in the Church Development Ministry, and has received both state and national recognition in this program.

During this period three young men entered the gospel ministry. The Sunday school enrollment has doubled. Baptisms have increased regularly to a ratio of 1 to 6.4 last year. Missions giving has increased from approximately \$200.00 to more than \$1,000.00 last year.

Prior to his work in Jasper County, Rev. Williams served as pastor in pioneer missions work in California for eight and one-half years. He received his college training at California Baptist College in Riverside, California and at William Carey College in Hattiesburg.

Mrs. Williams is the former Ella Mae Turner of Clarendon, Arkansas. They have four children.

Mrs. Furr Sets 7-Year Record

Mrs. H. G. Furr has completed seven years of perfect attendance at Sunday school at Arcola Church. She is teacher of a Primary class, and is this year associational superintendent of Primary work in Washington County. Rev. Jimmy McGee is pastor of Arcola Church, and Mrs. James V. Bowman is Sunday school superintendent.

Courtland Church Ordains Preacher

On November 24, the Courtland Church, Panola County, ordained Rev. Chester Eugene Roberson to the gospel ministry. Rev. Roberson has accepted the pastorate of the Shady Grove Church, Panola County.

Rev. Jim Joslin, superintendent of missions, Panola County, served as moderator for the ordination service. Rev. Lee Hudson, pastor at Courtland, preached the ordination sermon and gave the charge. Homer Woodruff presented the Bible. Rev. Charles Stubblefield led the ordination prayer after laying on of hands.

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Building and Savings Association
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Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance Training Union Attendance Additions To The Church

DECEMBER 15, 1963

Aberdeen, Ist	370	110
Biloxi:		
First	506	212
Emmanuel	272	53
Brandon, Ist	406	93
Brookhaven, Ist	675	219
Calhoun City, Ist	319	132
Columbia, Ist	694	252
Crystal Springs, Ist	214	134
Glade (Lob.)	177	117
Greenwood, North	426	138
Gulfport, Grace Mem.	188	38
Northward Chapel	37	—
Hattiesburg:		
38th Avenue	257	154
Central	351	200
Temple	474	197
First	591	240
Main Street	922	311
North Main	14	11
Wayside	33	23
Canal Zone Mission	42	25
Houston, Ist	406	243
Lincoln	328	157
Parkway Chapel	47	46
Jackson:		
Midway	383	164
Calvary	1463	642
Main	1388	577
Mission	65	—
Southside	271	101
McDowell Road	209	131
Ridgecrest	769	280
Daniel Memorial	730	306
Moor:		
Magoffin Park	181	819
Robinson Park	309	101
Woodville Heights	175	108
Hillcrest	542	257
Parkway	935	395
Baylorwood	231	111
Forest Hill	480	200
Woodland Hills	886	249
Forest Hill	206	91
McLaurin Heights	247	149
Lakeview Mission	11	—
West Jackson	406	240
All Methods	1015	450
Highland	328	186
Oak Forest	403	149
Oskoski, Parkway	170	86
Laurel:		
West Laurel	345	125
East Laurel	398	156
Plainway	159	155
Second Avenue	398	157
Ludlow	85	47
McComb:		
South	218	84
East	367	191
Central	218	93
Navilla	189	102
Meridian:		
Hickory Grove Chapel	118	76
Midway	173	82
St. Boulevard	45	19
Calvary	381	160
Main	357	155
Fellow Survey Mission	8	14
Pine Springs Mission	4	—
Victory Village	12	—
Side Slid:		
South Side	378	186
Main	352	171
Fulton Avenue (Maslon)	22	15
Oakland Heights	293	153
Highland	650	235
Highland Springs Drive	514	192
Fifteenth Avenue	46	—
Morion, Ist	210	109
Mountain Creek (Rankin)	68	56
Pascagoula, Ist	614	230
Main	582	230
C. Nursing Home	17	—
Martin Bluff	130	63
Pearl Temple	335	117
Pearl	157	62
Picavane, Ist	503	180
Main	477	—
Mission	26	—
Pocahontas	63	46
Springfield (Scott)	92	54
Starville, Ist	234	81
Terry	233	137
Tipton:		
First	472	170
Calvary	523	211
Harrisburg	609	—
West Point, Ist	505	196

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON—

Born To Make Men Free

By Clifton J. Allen

Luke 2:1-20; Galatians 3:4

"God sent forth his son." The Christian gospel rests on this fact, and it is the reason for our observance of Christmas. Christ came into the world to save people from their sins. He was the fulfillment of the covenant made to Abraham. He is also the Mediator of a new covenant, the covenant of grace. The law was given in the providence of God to the children of Israel, not to be a means of salvation, but to point men to their need of a Saviour. Until Christ came, men were shut up under bondage to the law, but he came to make men free in the redemption of grace. As Christians, let us not turn back to legalism, to the bondage of the works of the law; but let us rejoice in the freedom of the lordship of Christ.

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come!" But there are unnumbered millions of persons who have not heard the good news, who are in the bondage of spiritual ignorance, moral corruption, and godless atheism. Does this not have meaning for our observance of Christmas? What does it say as to our gratitude and our stewardship?

The Lesson Explained GOD SENT FORTH HIS SON (Luke 2:8-14)

The birth of Jesus Christ is a declared fact in the Scriptures. It was a real event in human history. Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary: the Son of God was born of a woman: the Word became flesh! Let us have our faith anchored in the reality of the birth of Jesus Christ, regardless of any effort to minimize that fact in comparison with the importance of an experiential relationship with the living Christ now.

Luke recorded the sublime fact and the wondrous attestation that followed. An angel of the Lord surrounded by

shining glory of the Lord appeared to humble shepherds and announced to them the good news of the Saviour's birth. His coming meant great joy for all people because he came to be the Saviour of the world. The shepherds were given a sign. They would find in the city of David a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. And suddenly, a multitude of heavenly beings joined the angel and burst forth in an anthem of praise, not only ascribing worship to God but also declaring his purpose of peace and good will among men. Something took place in miracle and mystery and meaning which meant hope for the world. God in Christ had entered into the human scene to accomplish redemption for mankind.

CHRIST SET MEN FREE (Gal. 4:4-5)

Paul tells us that Christ was born "when the fulness of the time was come." The drama of redemption was set in human history at the time planned by the sovereign God. Christ was born under the law, that is, he was subject to the conditions of human existence and the legal controls under which people live. He was truly human. But he came to redeem men from the obligations of the law which they could not keep and make it possible for them to receive the adoption of sons and enjoy the liberty of the children of God. Because of the bondage of evil, they found themselves impotent to meet the moral requirements set forth in the law. Christ, perfect in righteousness and wholly without sin, because our substitute, our ransom, and thus set us free from the condemnation resting upon us. This is not freedom from moral obligation but freedom from condemnation because of moral guilt, weakness, and failure.

THE SPIRIT ABIDES IN THE HEART (Gal. 4:6-7)

In these verses we have the wondrous secret of Christian freedom. We have the status of sons, not slaves. We stand in a free relationship to God, our Father. Also, the Spirit of Christ abides in our hearts.

Guidance Clinic Set Dec. 9-10

NASHVILLE — The first vocational guidance clinic for state Baptist workers was held Dec. 9-10 at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The program featured a symposium on "Foundations of vocational guidance" presented by Dr. James Hobbs and Dr. Allen W. Graves.

Dr. Hobbs is director of counseling and testing at David Lipscomb College and president of Tennessee personnel and guidance association, Nashville. Dr. Graves is dean of the school of Religious education at Southern Seminary.

A second symposium, "Church-related vocations volunteers," was presented by Dr. Samuel Southard, associate professor of psychology of religion, Southern Seminary, and Lloyd T. Householder, the board's director of vocational guidance and clinic director. "When God calls," a pageant on church-related vocations by Sarah Miller, a Houston resident is an approved worker of the board's church recreation department.

Five work groups discussed recruiting for church-related vocations and the program of vocational guidance in state conventions, camps and assemblies, and on campuses.

Group leaders were workers from Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission, several state Training Union departments and the Sunday School Board.

Presentations on the church's attitude toward a doctrine of vocation and the history and present program of the board's vocational guidance work were given.

Acts has well been called "the gospel of the Holy Spirit." At its very heart and center... the third person of the Godhead speaks with unmistakable individuality: "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (13:2). He is in command and his role in the missionary enterprise runs true to form. In this age, he carries into effect "All the things which Jesus began both to do and to teach." The Holy Spirit is truly the dynamic of missions.—Ralph A. Herring in "Christ for the World," compiled and edited by G. Allen West, Jr. (Broadman Press, 1963).

The Girl Scouts are under leadership of Mrs. L. E. Howard, with Betty Lou Bassie as assistant. An investiture ceremony was held and Mrs. Howard presented pins to 17 Girl Scouts.

DALLAS (BP) — In funeral services—simple by contrast to those in Washington—Beckley Hills Baptist Church paid its last respects to Policeman J. D. Tippit. The 39-year-old officer was killed Friday as he attempted to question Lee H. Oswald, accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

An overflow crowd of 2,000 heard Tippit's pastor, The Rev. C. D. Tippit, speak on the assurance of the resurrection. The flower-decked church was filled an hour before the service. Closed circuit television sets were provided in Sunday school rooms and outside on the church lawn.

"Today we are mourning the passing of a devoted public servant," the Rev. Tippit said. "He was doing his duty when he was taken by the lethal bullet of a poor confused, misguided, ungodly assassin—as was our president."

Tippit A Baptist
Tippit had been a member of Beckley Hills Baptist Church for about a year and a half. His pastor said that he was "fairly active," considering that Tippit usually held other

Memorial Services

A number of Baptist churches surrounding Dallas joined in community wide memorial services Monday prior to the funeral service in Washington.

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MRS. FRANK SHOFFNER, at left, above, Tishomingo Associational Training Union Director, was responsible for the unusual program planned for that association's "M" Night. Pictured with Mrs. Shoffner, and also shown in bottom photo, is "Mr. Baptist Heritage," portrayed by Rev. Tate Presley. The featured speaker for the service was Rev. Billy Roby, pastor, First, Booneville, who followed the theme, "Commit Thou to Faithful Men." At the close of the service about fifty people committed themselves to winning the lost in 1964. Rev. Donald Graham, one of the pastors in Tishomingo County, surrendered for foreign missions.

Names In The News

Rev. Bill Causey, pastor of Church in Lowndes County. Rev. Boothe is presently serving as president of the Married Baptist Student Union Council at Miss. State University. He was also the featured speaker for Oktibbeha County Association "M" Night the same evening.

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PARTICIPATING in Blue Mountain College's community-wide Christmas Caroling of Monday evening, December 16, were the young women above, left to right: Lucy Shirley, Tupelo; Eva John Purvis New Albany; and Ann Smith, Memphis. These and other groups of carolers sang in the streets, at windows of shut-ins and sick people, in the faculty residence areas, and at every campus dormitory. Carolers assembled afterward for refreshments before a Yule Log fire on the hearth of Broach Auditorium fireplace.



Rev. John C. Stevens

CARTERVILLE CALLS PASTOR

Carterville Church, Hattiesburg, has called Rev. John C. Stevens as pastor.

Rev. Stevens, a recent graduate of the Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., is a junior at Carey College.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have five children: Linda 13, John Jr. 11, Kathy 10, Barbara Jean 9 and David 8.

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The United States infant mortality rate in twelve years has dropped from 29.2 deaths per thousand live births to 25.3 a thousand—a decrease of 13.4 per cent.

The two Baptist churches on the Sanyati Reserve in Southern Rhodesia report 139 professions of faith during a revival which closed October 27. Statistics have not come in from the four other places where the revival was held.

Plans are being made for organizing the two Sanyati churches and the two in nearby Gokwe into an association in the near future, reports Rev. James N. Westmoreland, Southern Baptist missionary.

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New Employees Named At BSSB

NASHVILLE—James A. Lowry and Paul E. Phillips, both of Nashville, are new employees at Baptist Sunday School Board.

Lowry, a graduate of University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is a research assistant in the research and statistics department. Formerly, he helped compile and analyze statistics at the Tennessee Health Department.

Phillips is foreman of the shipping unit in the order filling-mailing section of the church literature department.

S. C. Church Is Destroyed By Fire

COLUMBIA — The First Baptist Church of Walterboro, S. C., was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday. Total value of the building was set at \$422,000.

The building was insured with a coverage of 90 per cent (\$379,800) of the total value.

The building and most all its furnishings, including a \$30,000 organ were destroyed.



SEVENTY-FIVE students responded to "faith-pledge" \$100.00 to the State BSU Summer Missions Fund, at the November 26 General BSU meeting at Northeast Mississippi Junior College. The featured speakers for the missions challenge were Huell Moseley, former BSU Student Summer Missionary to Hong Kong from Mississippi State University, and a native of the Far East and product of Baptist missions there and Miss Linda Wong of Taiwan, Formosa, and Blue Mountain College. The Prentiss, Union, Tippah, Tishomingo and Alcorn BSU Committee members were honored guests at the meeting. (Left to right) Huell Moseley, Corinth; Howard Long, Treasurer, Booneville; Hugh Dickerson, Prentiss County; Miss Linda Wong, BMC; and Rev. J. D. Joslin, pastor, New Prospect Church, Tishomingo County representative.

JANITOR, AFTER PASTOR, MOST WANTED STAFFER

NASHVILLE (BP)—A pastor, a janitor and a secretary—in that order—are the first three staff to be employed by a typical church, according to a survey to which 638 Southern Baptist churches replied.

The survey, covering churches with 400 or more members found that churches with 400-499 members had 3.4 staff members. At the other extreme those with 3000 or more members had an average of 18.3 staff members. Since there is a greater number of small churches, the average of the entire group of 638 churches was 6.3 staff members.

The fourth staff person to be employed is someone to direct music, according to the research and statistics department of the Sunday School Board.

Department secretary Marti B. Bradley of Nashville announced the results.

The order in which staff persons are employed led on observer to comment, humorously, "This survey proves cleanliness is next to godliness. A janitor is hired second most often to a preacher."

The survey also led to these

conclusions by the researchers:

Many Combination Posts

Churches in the middle-size range of membership are more prone to employ "Combination" persons, for example, one man to be minister of both music and education. Larger churches would employ two person and separate these responsibilities.

Only 1 in 10 pianists get any pay from the church for this service, showing that many people serve voluntarily in various positions in churches (without pay).

Only little more than half the churches surveyed provide any kind of car expense for their pastors.

God calls men into the ministry to preach His Word, not their own ideas or the current trends in human thought. A congregation can learn what men think through their newspapers, magazines, and other news media, but the question is: What does God think and say?—Faris D. Whitesell in POWER IN EXPOSITORY PREACHING (Fleming H. Revell Company).



Accepts Duties At Antioch

Rev. W. O. Pippen has accepted the pastorate of the Antioch Church in Jasper County, where he began his service on December 8.

Rev. Pippen's last pastorate was Oak Grove Church in Jones County. While at Oak Grove, he led in the addition of Sunday school rooms and the remodeling and brick veneering of the main auditorium.

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Southside Choirs Sing In Christmas Music Programs

The Youth and Adult Choirs of Southside Church, Meridian, presented Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday night, December 15.

The Junior Choirs presented "Lo A Star" by Robert Graham on Wednesday night, December 18.

The combined seven choirs, all in robes of different colors will present a Christmas Carol Program-Sunday morning, December 22.

James B. McElroy is minister of music, and Rev. Maurice Clayton is pastor.

Kentucky College Seeks New Home

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (BP)—Bethel College, Baptist two-year school here, is looking for a new home in western Kentucky.

Its trustees said the building of a two-year branch of the University of Kentucky here by 1965 "Places Bethel College in an untenable position as a Hopkinsville institution" since the city, educators say, is "Too small adequately to support two colleges."

Bethel president P. Harris

Anderson and a trustee committee will "Investigate possible offers of other western Kentucky communities as to a suitable site and adequate financial and student support." They will report by next Feb. 1.

Patsy Allen Named ODR Newswriter

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DEVOTIONAL—

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Luke 2:8-18

Matthew 2:1-11:16

By Rev. Lewis A. Curtis

Pastor, First, Calhoun City

When Christ was born there were some who worshipped, some who wondered, and some who wrought evil. Every year when his birth is celebrated there are similar reactions.

Everyone has heard the story of the shepherds and angels.

The angels' announcement followed by the praise of a heavenly choir inspired the shepherd to go in search for the new born king. Finding him, the shepherds worshipped. The visit of the wise men is a well-known and beloved story to all of us. The wise men traveled far with treasured gifts in their hands to bow in worship before Christ.

The purpose of the shepherds' hasty trip into Bethlehem and the wise men's long and guided journey was to worship Jesus.

There are detailed theories which aim at changing the meaning of the simple Bible version of Jesus' birth. Some take an unholly pride in claiming to be too intelligent to accept as factual the Christmas story. Worshippers of Christ have become participants in a miracle which was performed by almighty God.

There were those who wondered at Jesus' birth. When the shepherds had completed their visit to the stable, they told others about the child and what the angel had said to them concerning him. Everyone who heard the shepherds' account wondered at the things they were told.

Still, some wonder about all of this. They are not willing to commit their lives to Christ and the way of life he offers. Their better sense of judgement warns them it would be folly to deny a power which is so obvious and a person as real to millions as Jesus is.

The picture in Bethlehem is not all lovely. Some wrought evil against a background of rejoicing, wonderment, and worship in which others engaged.

Herod set evil forces into operation when he heard from the wise men of Jesus' birth. This cruel and depraved ruler despised any who threatened the rapidly waning power he possessed.

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